Criteria for inclusion and exclusion of drugs under DPCO

*339. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has declared the criteria for inclusion and exclusion of drugs under DPCO as transparent;

(b) if so, the details of criteria fulfilled by each drug;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has neither decided the representations nor provided the data based on which drug be included; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and by when the data would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d): The criteria, for listing of bulk drugs in the First Schedule of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995, were laid down in the "Modifications in the Drug Policy, 1986," which were announced in September, 1994. These criteria are:

(i) The criterion of including drugs under price control will be the minimum annual turnover of Rs. 400 lakhs.

(ii) Drugs of popular use, in which there is a monopoly situation will be kept under price control. For this purpose if of any bulk drug, having an annual turnover of Rs. 100 lakhs or more there is a single formulator having 90% or more market share in the Retail Trade (as per ORG) a monopoly situation would be considered as existing.

(iii) Drugs in which there is sufficient market competition viz. at least 5 bulk drug producers and at least 10 formulators and none having more than the 40% market share in the Retail Trade (as per ORG) may be kept outside the price control. However, a strict watch would be kept on the movement of prices as it is expected that their prices would be kept in check by the forces of market competition. The Government may determine the ceiling levels beyond which increase in prices would not be permissible.

(iv) Government will keep a close watch on the prices of medicines which are taken out of price control. In case, the prices of these medicines rise unreasonably, the Government would take appropriate meausres, including reclamping of price control.

(v) For applying the above criteria, to start with, the basis would be the data upto the 31st March, 1990 collected for the exercise of the Review of the Drug Policy. The updating of the data will be done by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority as detailed in para 22.7.4 (i).

(vi) Gentically engineered drugs produced by recombinant DNA technology and specific cell/tissue targetted drug formulations will not be under price control for 5 years from the date of manufacture in India.

The exercise for listing the bulk drugs kept under price control has been done on the above basis. The Government has received representations in regard to inclusion of certain drugs and the details furnished thererin are at an advances stage of verification and consideration. Decisions on these representations are expected to be taken soon.

Water Problem in Sriniwaspuri

*340. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the allottes of Government quarters in Sriniwaspuri, New Delhi, are not getting water on the first floor;

(b) if so, whether CPWD authorities have been apprised of the situation; and

(c) if so, the steps CPWD is taken to provide adequate supply of water to Sriniwaspuri Government Colony, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) Water supply is at low pressure in the first floor quarters in Sriniwaspuri, more particularly, in those flats which are situated at the tail end of the distribuion system or at the higher elevations.

(b) and (c) Water supply to quarters is provided direct by the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking (SWS&SDU). The existing 2 tubewells are proposed to be re-bored to greater depth to increase the yield of water. Subject to availability of raw water from neighbouring States, the Undertaking also proposes to set up a new treatment plant near Sonia Vihar.

Agreement with United Nations World Food Programme

2448. SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some agreement between India and United Nations World Food Programme for provision of $ 61 millions worth of food assistance under the I.C.D.S. scheme was arrived at;

(b) if so, the details thereof with terms of such an agreement;

(c) whether some States and Union Territories are to be covered under this agreement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons threrfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Plan of Operations was signed between Government of India and United Nation's World Food Programme (WFP), under which, WFP would provide nearly 60.7 million US dollars worth of food assistance over a period of 3 years commencing from 1st July, 1995 in support of Government's Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS).

(b) to (d) World Food Programme would provide 151,680 Metric tons of Corn Soya Blend (CSB) as free gift covering about 22.00 lakh beneficiaries comprising children upto 6 years and expectant and nursing women etc. in five states of Assam, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh under ICDS.

Prime Minister's Special Programme

2449. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has applied for assistance to small and marginal farmers for infrastructural development in agriculture under Prime Minister's Programme;

(b) whether the Central Government have taken and decision thereon; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The funds could not be released since the scheme has not been continued.

Acute Shortage of Residential Accommodaition for Government Employees

2450. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of residential accommodation for Government Employees in Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to alleviate this situation;

(c) the budgetary allocations for this year for this purpose; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A total number of 112 T-IV quarters are in advanced stage of construction. Construction of 925 quarters and 106 suites of hostel accommodation is programmed during 1995-96. The budget provision for the year 1995-96 for the above works is Rs. 9.36 crores.